

REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Advisory Action mailed on July 2, 2002, and the references cited therewith. Claims 1, 6, 15, 17, 19, and 20 are amended. No new matter is added by these amendments. Claims 1-9, 11, and 13-20 are pending. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all claims in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-9, 11, and 13-20 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shoff, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,240,555) in view of Knee, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,589,892). Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are patentable over Shoff and Knee for the reasons argued below.

In order to support a finding of obviousness, the references must teach or suggest all the claim elements. M.P.E.P. § 2142 (citing *In re Vaeck*, 947 F.2d 488, 20 USPQ2d 1438 (Fed.Cir. 1991)).

Independent claim 1 recites: "the at least one scheduled internet channel has at least one event with a scheduled start time and a scheduled end time." The Examiner relied on elements 232-236 of Shoff, Fig. 8c, to describe a scheduled internet channel, but these elements merely describe clothes, posters, collectibles, memorabilia, or toys, which may be ordered by order button 237. *Shoff at column 12, lines 7-23*. Thus, elements 232-236 of Shoff do not teach or suggest a "scheduled internet channel" because elements 232-236 have no scheduled start or end time. The Examiner further relied on Shoff element 182 in Fig. 7 and column 12, lines 45-46, which recites: "timing requirements for synchronizing the supplemental content with the broadcast video stream." But, synchronizing supplemental content with a broadcast video stream does not teach or suggest that the supplemental content has "a scheduled start time and a scheduled end time," as recited in claim 1. Further, the Shoff supplemental content does not teach or suggest an event as recited in claim 1.

The Examiner did not rely on Knee for a scheduled internet channel, and Knee does not teach or suggest a scheduled internet channel. Hence, Shoff and Knee do not teach or suggest all the elements of claim 1.

Independent claims 6, 15, 17, 19, and 20 include a similar element as argued above for claim 1 and are patentable over the references for similar reasons. Claims 2-5, 7-9, 11, 13, 14, 16, and 18 are dependent on claims 1, 6, 15, and 17, respectively, and are patentable over the references for the reasons argued above, plus the elements in the claims.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612-371-2103) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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